

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

9:15 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey and Lemmons, III.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the minutes of the **November 29, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Drolet laid **SJR E** before the committee:

SJR E	Stamas	Land use; condemnation; taking of private property by eminent domain for the primary benefit of private entities; prohibit.
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TESTIMONY

Chad Wing, from Senator Stamas' office, testified in support of the resolution.

Patrick Lindemann, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in opposition to the resolution. Mr. Lindemann submitted written testimony.

Michelle Byra, attorney from Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C., representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in opposition to the resolution.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in support of the resolution. Mr. Schwartz also submitted written testimony.

Chairman Drolet announced the committee would stand at ease, the time being 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Drolet reconvened the meeting in room 428 of the Capitol Building, the time being 11:30 a.m.

The committee returned to the consideration of **SJR E**.

TESTIMONY

Alan Ackerman, representing property owners, submitted a card not indicating a position on the resolution and did not wish to speak.

Arnold Weinfeld, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to the resolution but did not wish to speak.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, submitted a card in opposition to the resolution and did not wish to speak.

Patrick Wright, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, submitted a card indicating neutrality on the resolution and did not wish to speak.

Due to time constraints the following did not speak:

Andrea Brown, representing the Michigan Association of Planning, submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Chairman Drolet announced that the committee has received, on behalf of the Michigan House of Representatives, the following performance audits from the Office of the Auditor General:

#5513002F - Follow-up review of the performance audit of the Criminal Justice Information Center, Michigan Department of State Police.

#1520004 - Performance audit of Selected Activities Within the Problem Resolution Process, Department of Civil Rights.

#4759104 - Performance audit of the Accuracy of Prisoner Release Dates, Department of Corrections and Department of Information Technology.

#0314005 - Financial audit of the Michigan Legislative Retirement System for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2004.

#0714104 - Performance audit of the Workers' Compensation and Long Term Disability Programs, Office of the State Employer, Department of Management and Budget.

#5052004 - Performance audit of the Teradata Data Warehouse, Department of Information Technology.

#4727005 - Performance audit of the Lakeland Correctional Facility and Florence Crane Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections.

#0718003 - Performance audit of Selected Educational Databases Maintained by the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), Department of Management and Budget.

#2726505 - Financial audit of the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Emergency Telephone Fund, Department of Treasury.

#4711105 - Performance audit of the Office of Community Corrections, Department of Corrections.

#4310005 - Financial audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Department of Human Services.

Chairman Drolet announced the committee would go at ease, the time being 11:42 a.m.

Chairman Drolet reconvened the meeting, the time being 11:45 a.m.

The committee returned to the consideration of **SJR E**.

Chairman Drolet offered the following amendments to **SJR E**:

1. Amend page 2, line 12, after “**OF**” by inserting “**A**”.
2. Amend page 2, line 16, after “**TAKING**” by inserting “**OF THAT PROPERTY**”.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the amendments. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey and Lemmons, III,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **SJR E** with recommendation, as amended. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman, Lipsey and Lemmons, III,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
1 hr 7 Minutes